## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Attorney Docket No.: 31132.173 Trieu S Customer No.: 46333 Serial No. 10/765,260 Group Art Unit: 3738 Filed: January 27, 2004 Examiner: Isabella, David J. For: Hybrid Intervertebral Disc System

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 8, 2005 ("the Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.